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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director**

**SUBJECT : Status of Base C**

1. While I realize that you have sufficient problems with the status of Bases A and B to occupy you for some time, I wish to state as a matter of record that the eventual status of Base C is a matter of considerable moment when viewed from the standpoint of the acquisition of personnel who might not be required in the event Base C is absorbed into either Base A or Base B or both.

2. This, of course, largely concerns itself with those jobs on Base C, such as the Executive Officer, Administrative Officer, Material Officer, etc., who might not be required under a philosophy of absorbing Base C.

3. The Project Personnel Officer advises me that at the moment they have nominations against eleven (11) military positions on Base C, fourteen (14) on Project Cadre for use on Base C and one (1) military person on Cadre for use at Base C. This is a total of twenty-six (26) individuals, or roughly twenty per cent of the total strength of Base C. While it may rank high among the problems which can not be immediately solved, I did want you to know that for every week the situation is unresolved, we draw closer to committing ourselves rather finally on acquiring types who may not be completely usable on a two-base operation.

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